



Pholia Farm Dairy
9115 W. Evans Creek Rd.
Rogue River, OR 97537

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To the Board of Agriculture:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Resolution 310 relating to siting of agritourism. My husband and I have a small farm, 24 acres, in Southern Oregon that was originally part of my parent's farm of 220 acres. The land is zoned woodland resource, but has been a family farm as well as forest since it was begun. My husband and I established a small, Grade A dairy here in 2005 and commercially made cheese for over a decade. We also run two farmstays that help our income greatly and have great interest in this Resolution.

We are writing to request that the Board not approve the current resolution and instead solicit input from the community to create a revised resolution that adequately meets the needs of farmers today and provides a structure to preserve both our land, heritage and opportunities to generate revenue by having guests on our property for the purposes of events, tours, classes and overnight stays. As we are not zoned EFU, we count on the state to have the vision to understand that farming is occurring on other properties and at myriad scales. (We run goats who are great at helping us maintain a healthy forest, by the way). Without our farmstays we would not be able to continue working of our farm and having this option is helping us as we approach retirement. Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

Gianaclis and Vern Caldwell